



Annual Report 2021

Governor's Council on Disability



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History

The Governor's Council on Disability traces its roots to the World War II era. In 1947, President Harry S Truman issued an Executive Order establishing the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. This Committee was created to assist WWII veterans living with disabilities with reentry into the civilian workforce. In 1949, Missouri established the state Governor's Committee to share information about work related problems facing people living with disabilities. In 1977, the Governor's Committee was established as a state agency and in 1994, the agency's name was changed and the statute was updated to broaden the agency's mission beyond employment, enabling the Governor's Council on Disability to become a voice for more than one million Missourians living with disabilities in all facets of life, including state government.

Mission

To provide leadership and support so people with disabilities achieve inclusion and independence.

Vision

The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability will be recognized statewide as the primary organization providing leadership to improve the lives of Missouri citizens with disabilities.

Goals

The Missouri Governor's Council on Disability's Strategic and Operational Plan was reviewed and updated for 2020 - 2022 on August 23, 2019. The Goals are:

- Goal I: Advise all state agencies and non-governmental organizations to advocate for policies and practices that impact Missouri citizens with disabilities.
- Goal II: Encourage system changes and public policies that eliminate barriers and support the wellbeing and independence of individuals with disabilities.
- Goal III: Expand opportunities for independence for people with disabilities in all aspects of their lives.
- Goal IV: Gather input from the public on disability related issues and report the results of this information.
- Goal V: Develop, explore, and implement strategies to increase resources for and the operating efficiency of the Council.

For the complete Strategic Plan, please visit our website at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd> and click on Strategic Plan.

Council Membership

- 20 members and a chairperson comprise the Council.
- Council members are appointed by the Governor.
- The appointment of the chairperson requires the advice and consent of the Missouri Senate.
- Members represent each of the eight U.S. Congressional Districts.
- The majority of members are people with disabilities.
- The Governor's Council on Disability is comprised of the following committees: Executive, Advocacy, and Programs.
- The Council conducts quarterly meetings.
- Currently, four seats are vacant.



Ronald Hack
Interim Council Chair
Sunset Hills
First Appointed: 10/2/09



Joan Bergstrom
Member 1
Lee's Summit
First Appointed: 7/15/08



Charles Comstock II
6th Congressional District
Kirksville
First Appointed: 7/29/10



Wayne Crawford
Member 3
Marshall
First Appointed: 3/15/21



Betty Davidson
Member 5
St. Louis
First Appointed: 11/16/09



Rosemary Hendon
8th Congressional District
West Plains
First Appointed: 1/6/17



Raymond "Chip" Hailey
7th Congressional District
Joplin
First Appointed: 1/6/17



Katie Jones
Member 4
St. Peters
First Appointed: 10/27/17



Kim Lackey
Member 12
St. Louis
First Appointed: 7/9/19



Elijah Mayfield
Member 11
Jefferson City
First Appointed: 3/14/18



Susan Orton
Member 8
Creve Coeur
First Appointed: 7/19/05



Traci Ritter
Member 6
Cape Girardeau
First Appointed: 3/15/21



Andrew Sartorius
3rd Congressional District
Jefferson City
First Appointed: 7/9/19



Lesia Shelton
4th Congressional District
Buffalo
First Appointed: 7/9/19

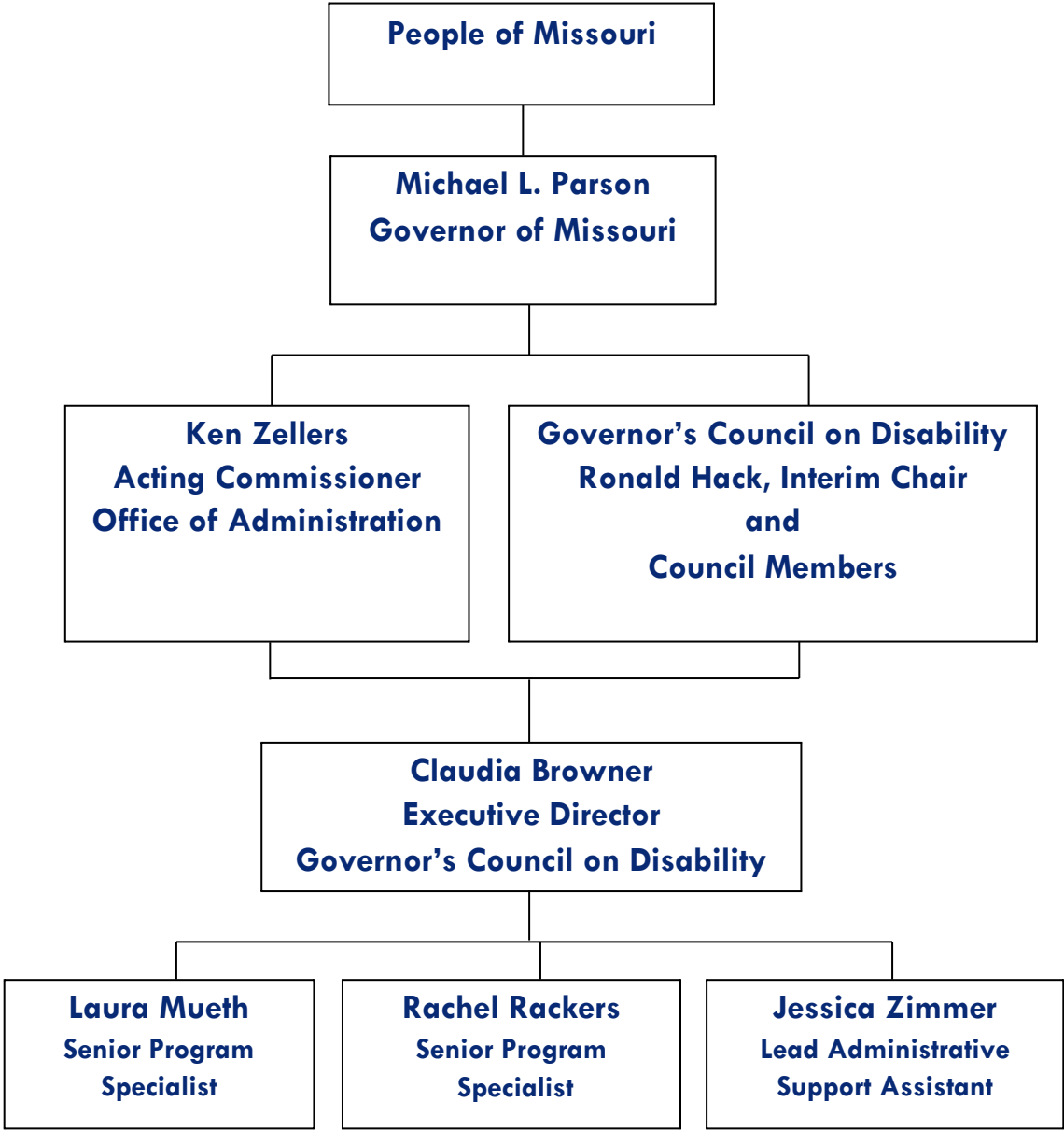


James Trout
1st Congressional District
Webster Groves
First Appointed: 3/4/09



Robert Wallace
Member 2
St. Louis
First Appointed: 5/10/10

Organizational Structure



Council Events 2021

Council Membership

- Opeoluwa Sotonwa resigned from his council member position effective March 1, 2021.
- Governor Parson appointed Wayne Crawford and Traci Ritter to the Council on March 15, 2021, and reappointed Chip Hailey for another term.
- Yvonne Wright resigned as the Council Chair effective April 14, 2021.
- DeAnna Noriega resigned her council member position effective April 16, 2021.
- The Council elected Ronald Hack as the Interim Chair on April 30, 2021.

Programs and Initiatives

- GCD collaborated with the Office of Administration's IT department to update and revise the Disability Web Portal and GCD website, and create a new agency logo to be launched in 2022.
- GCD participated on the MO Advisory Committee on Equitable COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution.
- GCD maintained a COVID-19 resource page on the Disability Web Portal.
- GCD developed and maintained partnerships among the state departments. State department liaisons participate in the quarterly Council meetings and provide input from their departments.
- GCD staff provided educational presentations to organizations, agencies, and employers throughout Missouri on a variety of disability-related topics such as employment of people with disabilities, disability awareness, service animals, and the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.
- GCD staff served on state agency teams, committees and boards to exchange information and collaborate with disability-related organizations.
- GCD participated in awareness activities to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) during the month of October.
- GCD staff participated in the National Association of Youth Leadership Forums.
- GCD Executive Director participated in the National Association of Governor's Councils.
- GCD published six issues of the GCD newsletter covering disability-related topics.
- GCD developed a virtual, Regional Leadership Forum for students with disabilities to continue and expand the mission of the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum.
- GCD developed and hosted the Leadership Development Program for Deaf/Hard of Hearing.
- GCD continued its annual programs:
 - GCD Awards Programs – Inclusion Award and Youth Leadership Award
 - GCD Poster Contest celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month
 - Legislative Education Project
 - Legislative Priorities Poll
 - Legislative Update
 - Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (event had to be canceled due to the pandemic)

Finances

All but two of the Governor's Council on Disability's programs are funded from General Revenue. This funding covers personnel costs and expenses for most Council activities. The Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) budget is listed below:

Personnel (4 FTE):	\$183,445.00
Operating Expenses:	<u>\$ 24,558.00</u>
Total:	\$208,003.00

At the time of publication, the Council has spent \$5,393.80 in operating expenses, or 22% of the FY22 budget. Expenses include supplies, postage, telecommunications, Council meeting expenses, travel, professional development, disability accommodations, and expenses for GCD programs.

The Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF), Regional Leadership Forums (RLF), and Leadership Development Program for Deaf/Hard of Hearing (LDP) are programs that are **not** funded from General Revenue funds. These programs are funded through a combination of donations and sponsorships. Paraquad, Inc., a Center for Independent Living in St. Louis, serves as the 501(c)3 fiscal agent for the MO-YLF and RLF account.

The following is a synopsis of the **2021 MO-YLF/RLF** and **2021 LDP** budget and program expenditures.

Beginning balance in MO-YLF/RLF account on January 1, 2021:	\$ 94,465.29
Donations/sponsorships/deposits received in 2021:	\$ 4,836.00
MO-YLF Expenditures *	\$ (134.88)
RLF Expenditures	<u>\$ (3,070.63)</u>
Balance in MO-YLF/RLF account (December 1, 2021)	\$ 96,095.78

*The 2021 MO-YLF had to be canceled due to the pandemic. Expenses includes supplies for the 2022 MO-YLF event.

Beginning balance in LDP account on January 1, 2021:	\$ 0.00
Donations/sponsorships/deposits received in 2021:	\$ 7,030.80
LDP Expenditures	<u>\$ (3,977.45)</u>
Balance in MO-YLF/RLF account (December 1, 2021)	\$ 3,053.35

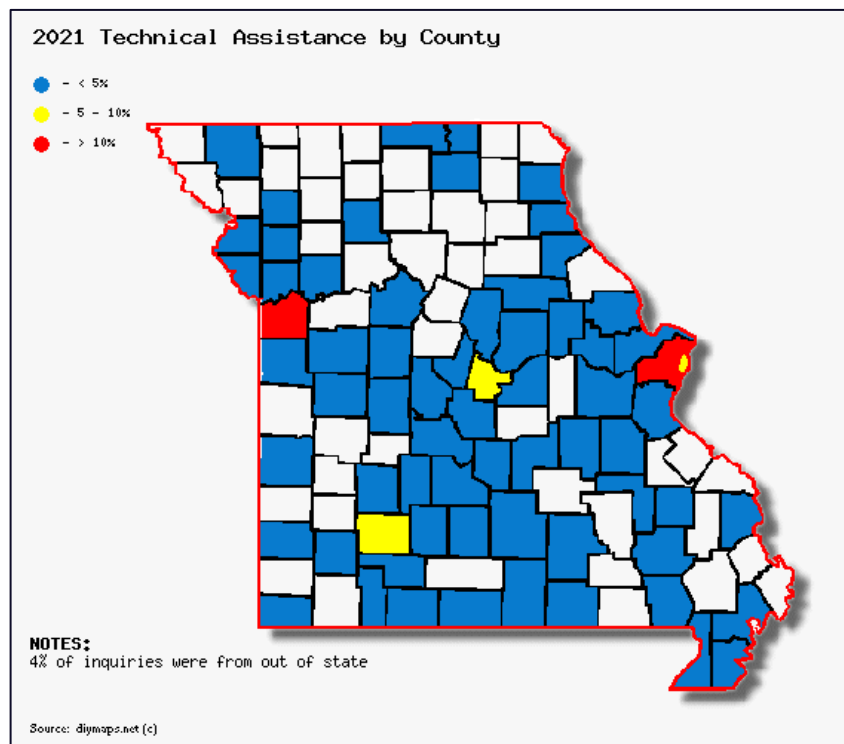
Programs and Initiatives

Technical Assistance

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) provides disability-related technical assistance to individuals, businesses, governmental and agency representatives in Missouri, and other states. Most contacts are from individuals in need of resources in order to live more independently. Referrals are made to Centers for Independent Living, state and federal agencies, local community resources, non-profit organizations, including faith-based groups and Community Action Agencies. In some instances, referrals are made to businesses or for-profit entities. The GCD also works with a number of state legislators and the Governor's Office on constituent affairs to provide solutions to individuals' concerns and issues.

In 2021, the GCD received a substantial number of calls and e-mail inquiries concerning financial assistance, disability services and eligibility requirements for disability benefits (50%), service animals (8%), housing (8%), and employment (5%). Other common inquiries included requests for information about legal/advocacy issues, transportation, accommodations, ADA guidelines and regulations, Universal Design standards, accessible parking, FMLA issues, and questions about potential discrimination in employment, housing or in public places.

Overall, the GCD assisted 471 different individuals with their phone inquiries and responded to 612 e-mail inquiries and requests.



The counties displayed on the map include:

Group I (<5% of inquiries):

Adair, Audrain, Benton, Boone, Buchanan, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Cass, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Dallas, DeKalb, Dunklin, Franklin, Henry, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Laclede, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, New Madrid, Nodaway, Oregon, Osage, Ozark, Pemiscot, Pettis, Phelps, Platte, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Ralls, Ray, Saline, Schuyler, Shannon, St. Charles, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wright

Group II (5-10% of inquiries):

Cole, Greene, St. Louis City

Group III (>10% of inquiries):

Jackson (16%), St. Louis County (21%)

Total number of counties listed: 67 of 114 Missouri counties, plus the city of St. Louis.

Publications / Resources

Disability Web Portal and Directory of Resources for Missourians with Disabilities

The Governor's Council on Disability publishes a variety of educational videos, resources and information on the [Disability Web Portal](#), including the *Resource Directory for Missourians with Disabilities*. The online Directory allows each user to search for disability-related resources by category or location.

COVID-19 Resources

The Governor's Council on Disability maintained a website designated to resources and information related to the coronavirus pandemic. GCD staff continued to serve on the Missouri Advisory Committee on Equitable COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution.

Legislative Update

During the legislative session, a weekly [Legislative Update](#) is distributed to keep individuals up-to-date on legislation that potentially impacts individuals with disabilities. Over 1,220 individuals subscribed to the publication via e-mail and regular mail in addition to the website.

GCD Newsletter

The GCD publishes six issues of the GCD Newsletter per year about disability-related topics and GCD activities. The newsletter is sent out by e-mail and posted on the website and Social Media. The newsletters can be found online at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/newsletters.htm>

Accessible Parking PSA

The Governor's Council on Disability provides a public service announcement video to educate about the importance of accessible parking spaces for individuals with disabilities, and to remind people to keep access aisles open for those who need them to transfer in and out of the vehicles. The PSA can be found at <https://disability.mo.gov/transportation.htm> or <https://youtu.be/4OpEtjbNhgA>

Other Publications

The Governor's Council on Disability also disseminated a variety of program information and publications including *"This is Not a Ticket"* which provides educational information about accessible parking.

Awards Programs

The Governor's Council on Disability annually recognizes individuals or organizations who promote and demonstrate leadership in inclusion of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of community living. Recognizing best practices in Inclusion and outstanding efforts in Youth Leadership increases awareness about the importance of inclusion in all aspects of community living and awards accomplishments in advocacy efforts for the disability community. The Council selects the winners of the awards, who are nominated by individuals or organizations in their communities.

Inclusion Award

The Inclusion Award recognizes individuals, businesses, agencies or organizations that have demonstrated best practices in inclusion of people with disabilities in education, employment, housing, leisure activities, universal design, and website accessibility.

29th Annual Inclusion Award winner for 2020: St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station

Photo: Tami Brown, Executive Director, St. Louis Aquarium



The St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station is one of the first destinations in St. Louis to be fully inclusive with universal design features throughout. When planning a visit, guests can view the accessibility page on the website to find a variety of accommodations that are available during their visit. The Aquarium also makes every effort to provide job opportunities for people of all abilities by embracing inclusive employment practices and hiring individuals with disabilities.

Inclusion Award - Honorable Mention: Job One, Independence

Photo: Job One Employees



For more than 50 years, Job One has been providing opportunities for adults with disabilities. Services and supports include Community-Based Day Services, a Summer Work Experience Program for high school juniors and seniors, an Employee Resource Advocate, and an Advocacy Champions Program. Job One's Neurodiversity Presentation provides advocacy and education to employers by sharing the benefits of hiring neurodiverse individuals.

For additional information about the annual Inclusion Awards, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/inclwin.htm>

Youth Leadership Award

The Youth Leadership Award recognizes emerging leaders in the disability community (ages 16-26) that demonstrate leadership by engaging in activities that improve the quality of life of people with disabilities in their communities.

8th Annual Youth Leadership Award winner for 2020: Luke Barber

Photo: Luke Barber



Luke Barber is a passionate leader on the education and promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities in Missouri. Luke is studying public policy and social work at University of Missouri St. Louis, where he founded the Able-Disable Partnership, a student club advocating for building modifications and learning accommodations. Luke serves on the St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities and works at Easterseals Midwest, where he provides courses on rights, responsibilities, self-advocacy and self-determination for people with disabilities. He connects with legislators regularly to advocate for the rights of the disability community.

Youth Leadership Award - Honorable Mention: Olivia Apollo

Photo: Olivia Apollo



Olivia Apollo is a leader in her community and at Webster University, where she studies anthropology and international studies, and joined Access U, a career development program for college students with disabilities. Olivia serves as an orientation and connection leader and advocates for accessibility on campus. As a camp counselor for Dream Big, a career exploration camp for youth with disabilities, she had an incredible impact on the participants by empowering them to feel more confident and applying their self-advocacy skills.

For more information about the annual Youth Leadership Award, please visit our website at <http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/youthleadershipaward.htm>

The Governor's Council on Disability is currently accepting nominations for the 2021 Inclusion and Youth Leadership Awards. **Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2022.**

Legislative Programs

Legislative Education Project

The purpose of the Legislative Education Project (LEP) is to educate people about the Missouri legislative process and motivate individuals by providing opportunities to become actively involved in public policy that impacts people with disabilities. The LEP is sponsored annually during the legislative session and includes online learning tools, the *LEP at the Capitol*, and the *LEP on the Road* to bring the training to individuals and organizations in their communities. During the 2021 legislative session, the GCD offered two, virtual Q&A sessions in place of the in-person LEP, due to the ongoing pandemic. Twenty-three individuals attended the virtual Q&A sessions.

The online training modules and videos teach individuals about *How a Bill Becomes a Law*, the *Elected Officials and General Assembly*, and *How to Navigate the House and Senate Websites*. The videos educate about *Accessible Voting*, *Attending a Senate Hearing and Providing Testimony*, and *Building an Effective Relationship with Legislators*. The online learning modules and videos have had more than 2,160 views.

Legislative Priorities Poll

Each year the Governor's Council on Disability distributes a Legislative Priorities Poll to determine the issues that are important to Missourians with disabilities and those who work and live with them. The poll is sent out to agencies and individuals. This year, 528 individuals from 63 counties in Missouri participated in the poll. Based on the results, the legislative priorities the Governor's Council on Disability will be following during the 2022 legislative session are:

1. Plans for public emergencies and disasters ensuring needs of people with disabilities are met
2. All public buildings having evacuation plans for all people with disabilities
3. Accessible voting machine provided at each polling location to comply with federal law
4. Private insurance hearing aid coverage
5. The increasing cost of medications

Outcomes of the Legislative Priorities Poll are shared with the General Assembly and elected officials. The complete report is available online at https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/legislative_priorities_poll.htm. The GCD will continue to help people with disabilities advocate in the 2022 legislative session. GCD staff will be examining bills that relate to disability and analyze their impact on the disability community.

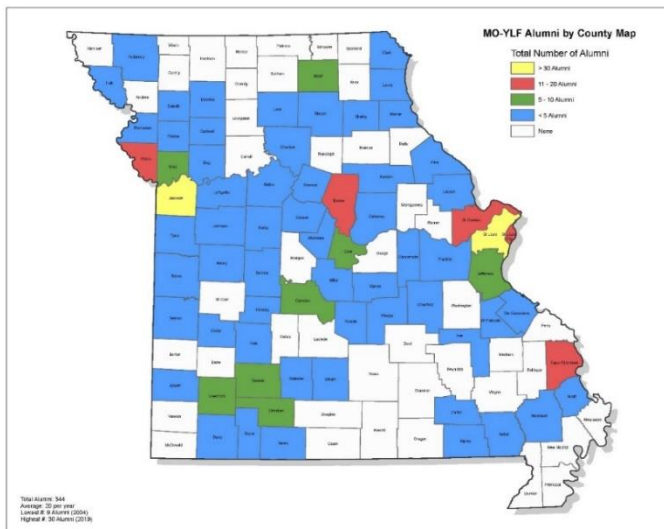
Legislative Update

The Governor's Council on Disability continues to publish the weekly Legislative Update newsletter during the legislative session to provide information about disability-related bills and their status in the legislative process.

Missouri Youth Leadership Forum

The annual Missouri Youth Leadership Forum (MO-YLF) is a 5-day leadership and career development program for transition age high school students with disabilities. The 2021 MO-YLF had to be canceled due to the COVID pandemic. Plans are underway to offer the program again next year at the MU campus in Columbia, from July 12-16, 2022.

In collaboration with the Office of Administration's IT division, GCD staff developed a web application for the MO-YLF to make the application process and program administration more user-friendly and efficient.



Since inception of the MO-YLF in 2001, a total of 344 alumni have graduated from the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, representing 70 of the 114 Missouri counties, plus the city of St. Louis.

More information about the MO-YLF can be found at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/ylf.htm>

Regional Leadership Forum

To continue and expand the mission of the Missouri Youth Leadership Forum, the GCD and its partnering agencies (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, MU Pre-Employment Transition Services, and Paraquad) developed an additional program, the Regional Leadership Forum (RLF), held on March 13 and 20, 2021.

This new, virtual leadership-training program provided 28 transition age Missouri high school students the opportunity to learn about leadership, self-determination, employment, goal setting, and independent living, and prepare them for the weeklong Missouri Youth Leadership Forum. The RLF also increased the statewide outreach by providing leadership opportunities in different regions of the state and offered 12 MO-YLF alumni the opportunity to participate as mentors, session leaders and facilitators.

The GCD will continue to offer this program annually as the **Virtual Leadership Summit (VLS)** in addition to the in-person Missouri Youth Leadership Forum. Additional information on the Virtual Leadership Summit is available on the GCD website at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/vls.htm>

Leadership Development Program for Deaf/HH

New in 2021, the Governor's Council on Disability hosted its first Leadership Development Program for Deaf/Hard of Hearing (LDP), in collaboration with the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Missouri School for the Deaf, MU Pre-Employment Transition Services, and Paraquad. The program offers transition age Missouri high school students who are deaf or hard of hearing the opportunity to learn about the importance of self-advocacy, mentorship, career development and goal setting.

Nine students from the Missouri School for the Deaf participated in this leadership and career development training on four consecutive evenings from November 1–4, 2021. They heard from a keynote speaker about the importance of setting goals for their future, and learned about important interpersonal and interview skills.

The students had the opportunity to meet with mentors to learn about overcoming barriers and reaching life and career goals. During a Q&A panel, they heard from entrepreneurs, VR counselors, and business owners about what employers are looking for in job applicants. The students also created vision boards for their own future goals. Additionally, they learned about college disability services, disability disclosure, self-advocacy, asking for accommodations in college, and post-secondary educational and job opportunities.



The GCD and the partnering agencies are planning on continuing and growing the Leadership Development Program for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing in 2022. Find out more about the LDP at <https://disability.mo.gov/gcd/LDPDHH.htm>

Photo: Student participants of the 2021 Leadership Development Program for Deaf/HH

Employment Initiatives

Missouri as a Model Employer Initiative

On February 1, 2019, Governor Mike Parson announced the State of Missouri's participation in the Missouri as a Model Employer Initiative to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities in state government, create a more diverse workforce, and serve as a model for Missouri businesses. The Governor's Council on Disability had the opportunity to serve on this initiative along with representatives from various state agencies, a center for independent living, and the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. In September 2019, Governor Parson issued [Executive Order 19-16](#) outlining directives for state agencies to implement the initiative. This year, members of the OA Division of Personnel, Office of Equal Opportunity, and the Governor's Council on Disability collaborated to carry out the directives of the executive order. The efforts focused on gathering data on the number of employees with disabilities in state government through a voluntary self-disclosure survey, awareness activities during National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and recommending training on disability awareness, diversity and inclusion for all state HR and hiring managers, supervisors and employees. More information can be found online at <https://disability.mo.gov/model-employer.htm>

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

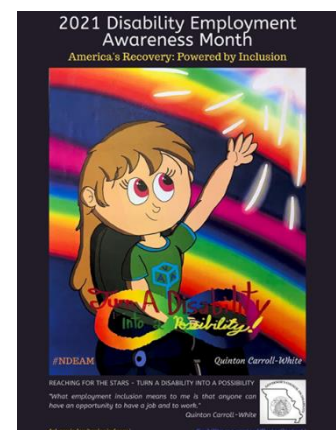
National Disability Employment Awareness Month is celebrated nationwide throughout the month of October to raise awareness about disability employment issues and celebrate the contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The GCD participated by providing presentations on employment inclusion, raising awareness with a social media campaign, and creating a virtual exhibit about the history and background of NDEAM, featuring resources and information related to the employment of individuals with disabilities, which is available on the Disability Web Portal at <https://disability.mo.gov/NDEAM.htm>

Disability Employment Awareness Month Poster Contest

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) hosts an annual [poster contest](#) to celebrate Disability Employment Awareness Month in Missouri and raise awareness about the importance of workplace inclusion for people with disabilities.

The poster contest is intended to spark a conversation about the importance of employment for people with disabilities and raise awareness about their positive contributions to the workforce.

The winner of the 2021 Disability Employment Awareness Month contest was Quinton Carroll-White, a young artist from St. Louis who enjoys digital artwork. The poster is distributed statewide during the month of October.



Other Employment Activities

Additional employment related activities of the GCD include:

- Providing educational presentations to agencies and organizations, on disability awareness and workforce diversity, the employment of people with disabilities and accommodations in the workplace.
- Participating in workgroups and initiatives to improve employment and higher education opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Attending educational webinars on employment of people with disabilities.
- Participating in the Center for Disability Inclusion's annual Disability Inclusion Summit.

Outreach Activities

The Governor's Council on Disability participated in numerous outreach and educational activities throughout the year to promote disability awareness and inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of life.

Disability Web Portal / Website / Social Media

- The Missouri Disability Web Portal (<https://disability.mo.gov>) serves as a one-stop access point for the public to obtain information on disability resources and offers links to other entities and state agencies that provide services to people with disabilities. In 2021, the Disability Web Portal had over 150,000 page views.
- The GCD Facebook page is reaching a growing number of individuals with 1,728 Page Likes/Followers.
- Missouri Youth Leadership Forum Facebook page with more than 443 Page Likes/Followers.
- GCD's Twitter account has 161 followers to date.
- Over 1,650 individuals are subscribed to GCD listservs to receive disability-related information.

Educational Presentations / Outreach / Exhibits

The Governor's Council on Disability provides educational programs on disability rights, etiquette and awareness, employment of people with disabilities, service animals and other disability-related topics to any state agency, group or organization in Missouri requesting such information. Educational programs are specifically tailored to the individuals or groups. During the quarterly public Council meetings, presentations are provided on different disability-related topics. In 2021:

- GCD staff developed and presented 44 educational programs and presentations to 2,149 individuals
- GCD provided outreach to 468 individuals at 33 meetings and events throughout the year

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic resulting in conference and event cancellations, the GCD did not have the opportunity to provide informational booths at any conferences or events in 2021.

Boards and Commissions

As part of the Governor's Council on Disability's advisory capacity function, staff and Council members serve on a variety of boards and commissions to promote opportunities in all aspects of life, including employment, transportation, recreation, and housing. The following is a list of those boards and commissions in which staff and Council members served in calendar year 2021.

- Access and Functional Needs Committee, Statewide
- Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER), Missouri Chapter, Statewide
- Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL), Nationwide
- APRIL Youth and Steering Committees, Nationwide
- AYLIF (Association of Youth Leadership Forums), Nationwide
- Brain Injury Association of Missouri, Statewide
- Cape County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Cape Girardeau County
- Central Missouri Youth Connections, Central Missouri
- Community Transition Teams, Statewide
- Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis
- East-West Gateway Council of Governments, St. Louis
- Employment First Initiative, Statewide
- Equity Advisory Committee, Dept. of Higher Education and Workforce Development, Statewide
- Future of Self Advocacy, Statewide
- Giant Steps of St. Louis
- Missouri as a Model Employer Initiative, Statewide
- Missouri Advisory Committee on Equitable COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution, Statewide
- Missouri Brain Injury Advisory Council, Statewide
- Missouri Centers for Independent Living (MOCIL), Statewide
- Missouri Council of the Blind, Statewide
- Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Statewide
- Missouri Disability Health Collaborative Advisory Committee, Statewide
- Missouri First Responders Disability Awareness Training Advisory Council, Statewide
- Missouri Inclusive Housing Development Corporation Board, Statewide
- Missouri Interagency Transition Team, Statewide
- Missouri Rehabilitation Association State Board, Statewide
- Missouri State Deafblind Advisory Committee, Statewide
- Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council, Statewide
- Missouri Transportation Task Force, Statewide

- Missouri UD Initiative
- Missouri Youth Leadership Forum Planning Committee, Statewide
- Money Follows the Person Housing Committee, Statewide
- MYLIFE Alumni Association, Statewide
- National Association of Governors' Committees on People with Disabilities, Nationwide
- National Federation of the Blind, Nationwide
- Productive Living Board for St. Louis County Citizens with DD, St. Louis County
- Special School District (SSD) Transition Team, St. Louis
- St. Louis County Commission on Disabilities, St. Louis
- St. Louis Disability Transportation Resource Network, St. Louis
- State Rehabilitation Council (Vocational Rehabilitation), Statewide
- State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind, Statewide
- Supported Decision Making Stakeholder Group, Statewide
- Transition Training Institute Team, Statewide
- UMSL SUCCEED Advisory Board, St. Louis

2022 Meeting and Event Dates

Governor's Council on Disability Quarterly Meetings

- February 18, 2022
- April 29, 2022
- August 19, 2022
- November 18, 2022

Council meetings are open to the public and are held at the Missouri Behavioral Health Council building in Jefferson City, beginning at 10 a.m. or virtually by WebEx and conference call.

Missouri Youth Leadership Forum

- July 12 - 16, 2022

The 18th annual Missouri Youth Leadership Forum for students with disabilities (ages 16-21) is held at the University of Missouri campus in Columbia.

Virtual Leadership Summit

- February 26, 2022